2013 Consumer Confidence Report
Garden Court Water System #1
June 12, 2014

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2013.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Type of water source: The water used at Garden Court Water System consisted of one well located to the right of the entrance driveway off Garden Court Rd. The ground water source is the Hwy 68 corridor aquifer.

Drinking Water Source Assessment: An assessment of the drinking water source by the County of Monterey was conducted June 2003. The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: known contaminant Plumes. There have been no contaminants detected in the water supply recently, however the source is still considered vulnerable to activities located near the drinking water source. The TCE Plume is not located in the zones of influence for the Water System, however there is a LUFT site located in zone R2. A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at Monterey County Health Department, 1270 Natividad Rd, CA 93906.

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TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Variances and Exemptions: Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

ND: not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff , industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides,* that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants,* including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural activities and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants,* that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and California Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below list all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA					
Contaminant(s) (units)	**Highest # Detected in a Month**	**# Of Months in Violation**	**MCL**	**MCLG**	**Typical Source**
Total Coliform	0	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform/E Coli	0	0	A routine sample and repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E. coli	0	Human & animal fecal waste

SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER							
Contaminant(s) (units)	**Number of Site Collected**	**PHG**	**AL**	**90th Percentile Level Detected**	**# of Samples > Al**	**Date**	**Typical Source**
Copper (ppm)	6	0.3	1.3	0.373	0	9/2012	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; internal corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	6	2	15	ND	0	9/2012	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF RADIOACTIVITY					
Contaminant(s) (units)	**PHG/ (MCLG)**	**MCL**	**Level Detected**	**Sample Date**	**Typical Source**
Alpha Activity, Gross	(0)	15	0.000	2007	Erosion of natural deposits

SAMPLE RESULTS SHOWING DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS					
Contaminant(s) (units)	**PHG/ (MCLG)**	**MCL**	**Level Detected**	**Sample Date**	**Typical Source**
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	8.8	5/2013	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronics production wastes
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	ND	5/2013	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant(s) (units)	**PHG/ (MCLG)**	**MCL**	**Level Detected Avg.**	**Sample Date**	**Typical Source**
Arsenic (ppb)	4	10	1	5/2012	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	1	0.054	5/2012	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	(100)	50	5	5/2012	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	1	2	0.27	5/2012	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (NO3) (ppm)	45	45	12	9/2013	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD					
Contaminant(s) (units)	**PHG/ (MCLG)**	**MCL**	**Level Detected**	**Sample Date**	**Typical Source**
Chloride (ppm)	N/A	500	250	5/2012	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; sea water influence
Color (units)	N/A	15	11	5/2012	Naturally occurring organic materials
Copper (ppm)	N/A	1.0	0.015	5/2012	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Iron	N/A	300	88	5/2012	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	N/A	50	22	5/2012	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor (units)	N/A	3	1	5/2012	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductivity	N/A	1600	**1922**	5/2012	Substances that form natural deposits; sea water influence
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	500	99	5/2012	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial waste
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	N/A	1000	**1157**	5/2012	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity units	N/A	5	0.50	5/2012	Soil runoff

SUBSTANCES OF INTEREST					
Chemical or Constituent (units)	**PHG (MCLG)**	**MCL**	**Level Detected**	**Sample Date**	**Typical Source**
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	N/A	N/A	534	5/2012	Generally found in ground and surface water
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	363	5/2012	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally-occurring
Total Hardness (ppm)	N/A	N/A	172	5/2012	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water; generally magnesium and calcium and are usually naturally-occurring
pH (units)	N/A	6.5-8.5	8.0	5/2012	A measurement of acidity, 7.0 being neutral

Additional Information on Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Crypto-sporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Summary Information for Contaminants Exceeding an MCL, MRDL, AL, or a Violation:

- *Specific Conductivity and Total Dissolved Solids are* secondary drinking water standard contaminants and was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects such as color, taste, odor, and the staining of plumbing fixtures, and clothing while washing.

For Systems Providing Ground Water as a Source of Drinking Water

SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLES					
Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	**Total No. of Detections**	**Sample Dates**	**MCL [MRDL]**	**PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
E. coli	(In the year)/ 0	None	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste

Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Ground Water Source Samples, Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Violation of Ground Water TT

- None

System Improvements and Updates:

- None

Conservation and Drought Tips:

- Contact MCSI at (831) 659-5360 for further information.